

# THE GRANGE NEWSLETTER

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## A Word From Our Chairman

We are very sad to hear of Joe Erdle's stroke (Wednesday Volunteer) and wish him a very speedy recovery in Sunnybrook Hospital (no visitors allowed yet).

Jean Crack (Friday Volunteer) - feeling just 'creaky' now.  
Ethel Irwin (Monday Conservation) had a nasty fall but she can now see - good news Ethel!

Anne Mills (Slide Library - Thursday Volunteer) whose back is knitting (not dishcloths) returned to us, but then got the 'flu' - see you soon.

Ilona Syelsko (Thursday Volunteer) has had to resign due to continued ill health.

I promised you the final word on the subject this fall, so here it is.

"Historic Interpreter" versus "Docent".

The use of the word "Docent" (meaning one whose function is to explain exhibits; an official commentator on things shown) was first used in 1906 by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. The term "docent" and "interpreter" has, in the past, been used interchangeably. However, a more recent AASLH publication that focuses on the interpretation of historic sites refers throughout the article to interpreters and not docents.

Dr. Lee Jolliffe, our curatorial liaison, feels that all Ontario historic house museums call their interpretive staff members (paid or volunteer) either "interpreters" or "historic interpreters" - while many art galleries call their volunteer interpreters "docents" in keeping with the tradition established by the American art museums.

The essential difference between "interpreter" and the "docent" is that the interpreter (often in period costume) relates the past to the visitor, while the docent explains to the visitor aspects of the collections held by museums.

Therefore, I feel that it is most important that we only use the term "Historic Interpreter" to describe ourselves in The Grange.

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Don't forget the GRANGE LUNCHEON LECTURES, an invaluable help in developing our preception of life as it was lived in Upper Canada in the 19th century. Watch the AGO News and The Grange notice board for information. Dates of next series - February 7, April 4, April 18, 1991.

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#### ST. PATRICK'S MARKET, A QUEEN STREET LANDMARK

As every well-informed Grange volunteer knows (is there any other kind?) in 1836 D'Arcy Boulton Jr., presented the city with land on Queen Street near John with the condition that the city would build a market, and that it would be maintained as such forever. The market was named for St. Patrick's Ward, one of the five "saintly" precincts created when York became the city of Toronto in 1834. The others were St. Lawrence, St. George, St. Andrew and St. David.

The first market, a simple wooden building, lasted until 1854, when it was replaced by a more imposing structure. It in turn was replaced in 1913 by the present building. It ceased functioning as a market many years ago when the city leased it to A. Stork and Sons, Poultry, as a chicken slaughterhouse (so much for D'Arcy's stipulation!). The lease expired a few years ago, St. Patrick's Market was boarded up and seemed to be doomed to demolition. But a saviour appeared in the form of Freidmann Equities Inc. They obtained a 50 year lease from the city, and are pouring about a million dollars into the market's renovation. When the building re-opens it will resemble "a mini-St. Lawrence Market", says George Freidmann, president of the developing firm. Work is expected to be completed by the spring of 1991, but Mr. Freidmann says, "It is extremely time-consuming". If there is a grand re-opening, perhaps we should think of how D'Arcy could be represented at the re-birth of St. Patrick's Market.

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#### U.S. FAMILY SOLVES MYSTERY OF GREAT GREAT GREAT GRANDPAPA'S PAST DURING GRANGE VISIT!

A few Saturdays ago your editor was regaling two U.S. visitors who seemed particularly interested, with a capsule history of the Boultons and our town, explaining that Toronto was the town of York until 1834. As the mention of York, the visitors reacted with excited, joyful cries. They explained that the founder of their family had immigrated to the U.S. from York, Canada, and for years they had searched maps of Ontario in vain for the location of this town. A missing link in the family history had now fallen into place.

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AN INVITATION FROM JOAN MURRAY, FIRST TORONTO POST OFFICE

Toronto's First Post Office is having its Christmas Open House on Thursday, December 20, from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. There will be live music, cookies and cider, and everyone is welcome. No charge.

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A REQUEST FROM THE FIRST TORONTO POST OFFICE

To those of you who shop at Miracle Food Mark or Food City, please save your cash register tapes and give them to your editor, who will see that they reach Joan Murray at the P.O. The P.O.'s objective is to collect tapes to the value of \$300,000 by September 1991. They will earn a percentage of the total which will be spent on equipment for the Post Office.

Joan Murray is one of the few people from other historic sites who makes an effort to come to THE GRANGE LUNCHEON LECTURES.

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GRANGE EXHIBIT IN QUEEN'S PARK CORRIDOR

If you are in the vicinity of the provincial legislature, do make an effort to visit The Grange display in the west wing of the main corridor. It was put together by your editor and Frank Comella, AGO Marketing, and it is quite colourful and eye-catching. It will be on view until the end of the year.

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NEW FACES AT THE GRANGE

A warm welcome to: Christine Taylor - Wednesday  
Christina Winchur - Saturday  
Asha Croggon - Saturday & Sunday

We wish them a long and happy association with the house.

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DOROTHY BROWN'S CHRISTMAS DOLL

Don't forget to buy your ticket (\$2) on yet another of Dorothy Brown's beautiful one-of-kind creations. She is on view in Peggy's Office.

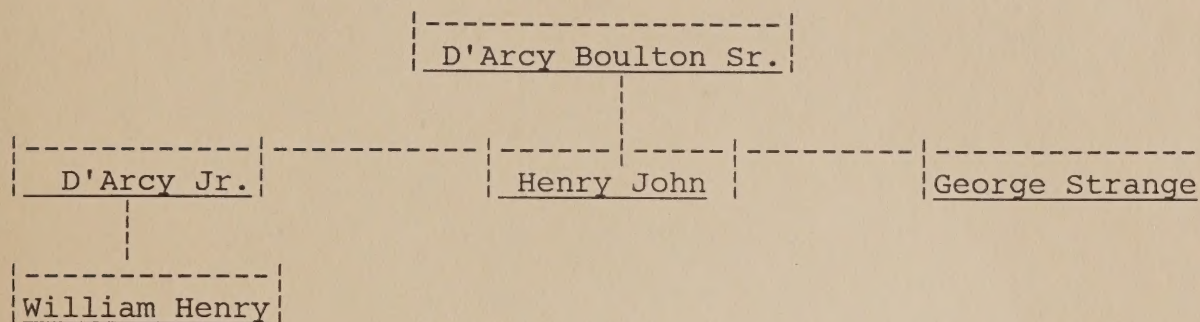
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GENTLEMEN IN THE ROUGH  
THE BOULTON MEN IN 19TH CENTURY TORONTO

The Boulton Legal Pedigree



D'Arcy Sr. Called to the Bar 22 January 1803

D'Arcy Jr.     "     "     "     10 March 1807

Henry John     "     "     "     5 November 1816

George Strange     "     "     "     2 July 1818

William Henry     "     "     "     14 November 1835

POLITICAL AND JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

D'Arcy Sr.: Solicitor General, 1805-1818  
 Attorney General, 1814-1818  
 Puisne Judge, Court of King's Bench, 1818-1827

Henry John: Solicitor General, 1818-1829  
 Attorney General, 1829-1833  
 Chief Justice of Newfoundland, 1833-1838

LAW SOCIETY OFFICES

D'Arcy Sr. and Henry John hold office of Treasurer (chief executive officer) of Law Society of Upper Canada for twelve years between 1806 and 1847:

D'Arcy Sr.: 1806-1811; 1815-1818  
 Henry John: 1819-1820; 1822-1824; 1846-1847





*AN INVITATION*  
*TO A 19TH CENTURY CHRISTMAS MUSICALE*  
*AT*  
*THE GRANGE*

Candlelight, pine boughs and red velvet ribbons, hot spiced  
cider and shortbread, and a concert of traditional Yuletide  
and 19th century songs and music by

Professor Chalaupka's Celebrated Singing School.

Wednesday, 12 December at 7:30 pm

Tickets \$15

To reserve, call (416) 977-0414, ext. 237

Entrance though Grange Park

